paration of model deposit guarantee scheme to support deposit mobilisation by Primary Agricultural Credit Societies and measures to increase member participation in primary cooperatives.

Sponsoring of study teams to foreign countries

3314. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals from different State Governments particularly those afflicted by perennial droughts, famines and floods for sponsoring study teams to different foreign countries for conducting studies in methods of land and water management, integrated agriculture, including waste land development and flood prevention etc; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposals received during the last three months, and Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) The information is being collected.

Development of Hybrid oil-seeds and Nuts

3315. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken or proposed to be taken to develop hybrid oil-seeds and nuts and to promote citimation the cost to mention the country self sufficient in edible oils; and

(b) what is the likely yield of oilseeds nd oils this year and how far it is likely to take the country close to self reliance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The I.C.A.R. is implementing a project for 'Promotion of Research and Development Efforts on Hybrids in Selected Crops' which covers research on sunflower, rapseed—mustard and castor at a total outlay of Rs. 22.8 crores. During the Eighth Plan period, a special thrust is being given to the development of high yielding improved varieties as well as hybrids of different oilseed crops.

(b) The likely production of oilseeds during 1991-92 has been estimated at 18.34 million tonnes. The total production of oils from indigenous sources during 1991-92 is estimated at 6.2 million tonnes. With increasing domestic production of oilseeds, the demand supply gap in edible oils is being steadily reduced.

Advances made by Bank to NDDB

3316. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the amount of advances made to NDDB by banks during last three years and what is outstanding;

(b) in what manner advanced amount by banks were utilised by NDDB and what rate of interest advances were taken and total interest paid thereon;

(c) whether it is a fact that NDDB has threatened to withdraw its financial support to Punjab State Co-operative Milk Federation; if so, what are the details in this regard and the reasons therefor; and